Region Commander Safety Message #6



Protection and Physical Security of JROTC Drill Weapons

JROTC Instructors,

During the past 18 months we have had seven instances of JROTC programs losing or misplacing Drill Weapons while attending drill competitions or conducting daily training events. We have got to return to the common sense accountability of equipment that we all have exercised in the military in linkage with applicable regulatory guidance. Demilitarized Drill Weapons have definitive security and inventory requirements with which I expect JROTC cadre members to comply.

Cadet Command Regulation 700-1, <u>Standard Logistical Policy and Procedures</u>, directs that accounting and control of weapons (including demilitarized drill rifles) includes the following tasks:

- > Use DA Form 3161 as a control sheet or log to control the issue and turn-in of weapons within the unit.
- In a classroom environment, do not require cadets to sign a control sheet when continuous surveillance or supervision exists by cadre personnel. In this instance, the instructor signs the control sheet for the total number of weapons issued.

Your local procedures will also include:

- > 100% accountability of all demilitarized weapons before issuing weapons, during the conduct of training, upon completion of training, and upon return to the storage site. This also includes before loading transportation, upon arrival to and before departure from a training (or competition) site, and upon reentry into the storage site.
- > SAI or AI verification of all demilitarized weapon inventory or counts conducted when removing and returning drill rifles to the storage facility housing the demilitarized weapons.
- Instilling JROTC cadets with the importance of drill rifle accountability at all times.

All JROTC programs will fully comply with regulatory procedures to halt the rising trend in drill weapon losses.

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